

## **FISCAL UPDATE News Article**

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## STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING - JUNE 2015

**Meeting.** The State Appeal Board met June 1, 2015, in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- Approved approximately \$9,800 in general claims filed under lowa Code chapter 25 and denied one claim for \$1,800.
- Approved four tort claims filed under lowa Code chapter 669 for approximately \$39,000. The Board denied tort claims that totaled approximately \$54.5 million. There were five tort claims that totaled approximately \$4.2 million that were withdrawn from consideration.

**Walsh Payment.** The State Appeal Board approved a payment to Walsh Construction Company for \$5.3 million from the State General Fund. The amount is for retainage held pursuant to lowa Code chapter 573 for payment of claims to subcontractors. This amount is included in the final contract amount of \$123.5 million for construction of a new maximum-security prison at Fort Madison. There are three claims pending under Iowa Code chapter 573. There is \$831,000 held in retainage until those claims are resolved. Once those claims are settled, additional payments to Walsh may be approved.

## **Settlements.** The State Appeal Board:

- Approved a payment of \$250,000 to settle a lawsuit resulting from a University of Iowa Cambus accident involving a student. The payment will be made from University funds.
- Approved a payment of \$3.5 million to settle a medical negligence lawsuit at the University of lowa Hospitals and Clinics. Half of the payment will be made from the self-insurance risk pool administered by the University of lowa physicians. Half of the payment will be made from the State General Fund.

**Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the State Appeal Board is scheduled for July 6, 2015, in Des Moines.

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